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COVER PICTURE: Huddersfield members preparing a Gift Shop to raise funds for the World Refugee Year appeal.

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'Programme for Youth'

THOSE WITH A REAL CONCERN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE will warmly welcome the report of the Albemarle Committee, summarised in this number. As things stand, there is a startling increase in serious crime within the 14–20 age group; National Serivce is coming to an end; recreational facilities must be provided in the many new housing estates; while the 'bulge' in population spells an additional million young persons to be catered for by 1964. At the present time, only about one-third of the teenagers are attached to any kind of youth organisation. There will always be some who have no need to join, but there are the many others who rebel against authority in any form and prefer to join a gang; a step that all too often leads to conflict with the community. Adolescence is a time for adventure, and it must be catered for by providing skilled and imaginative leaders together with the esential equipment, But it is these voluntary leaders and helpers, genuinely concerned to make friends and share the interests of young people, who are needed most of all.

West Indians in Britain

FEW EVENTS IN THE POST-WAR BRITISH SCENE have created more discussion and argument than the arrival in some numbers of West Indian migrants. It is of very real importance that, financed by the London Parochial Charities, a report has now been published *The West Indian Comes to England* (Routledge & Kegan Paul. 25s.), with a careful and helpful analysis of the migrant background; what brings him to Britain, and a description of early days of integration. Anyone interested in this question cannot fail to learn much from this book. It emerges clearly that West Indians are here to stay; the authors suggest 60 per cent. who have come to Britain in the last ten years will settle permanently. Immigration is now of the order of 10,000 a year, about half being wives and children of those already here. The report is a little too easily satisfied with existing arrangements for receiving immigrants and of arrangements to assist them. It is extremely doubtful if the Notting Hills of Britain are, with their already existing social problems, the best places for people to make a new life in a new country. (The report reveals that for furnished accommodation migrants pay upwards of 30 per cent. more than

the normal rent, but that they are afraid of applying to the Rent Tribunal. It is incredible that local authorities do not step in and use their powers of taking such cases directly to the Tribunal.) It is clear that the number of migrants ought to be well within the assimilation capacity of Britain. A combined effort to assist migrants on the lines of the arrangements made for Hungarians would solve many of the problems mentioned in the report.

'Brains and Experience'

IN A BOOK RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY Hutchinson, *With Ardours Manifold*, we find DAVID BOYLE writing of the year 1924: "Two things happened to me which had considerable influence on the next ten years of my life. I was invited to join the Executive of Toc H. . . . The first of these things brought me into personal touch with boys' club work in South and East London, and also gave me the priceless knowledge and friendship of as varied a collection of good brains and experienced men of the world as one could find in any quarter."

Community Week

THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE SPEND THEIR leisure-time is largely governed by the facilities available to them, and the pioneer work undertaken in this direction by Community Associations deserves to be more widely known. The aims of a Community Association have been summarised as being "to bring together people and organisations of a neighbourhood, irrespective of outlook, interest, party or sect, to think and act together in community service and to provide for themselves opportunities for leisure-time activity". The National Federation of Community Associations has fixed May 7–15 for "Community Week". Throughout the week Associations all over the country will be arranging special "Community Week" activities designed to let people know more about them and to attract new members to their activities.

Every 81 minutes

SOMEONE WAS HURT EVERY 96 SECONDS ON Britain's roads last year. Someone died every 81 minutes. The roll of killed and injured for 1959 was 333,453—33,686 more than in the year before. This is how the 1959 total splits up: killed 6,520; seriously injured 80,672; slightly injured 246,261. Commenting on these appalling figures, Brigadier Ralph Storrey, director-general of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said that almost three-quarters of the 1959 casualties occurred on roads with speed limits—which must be observed because they enabled other road users to judge the speed of traffic and move safely. If the casualty rate goes on rising more than half a million people a year will be injured on the roads in the 1970's and 10,000 a year killed.

Toc H and Games

P. B. CLAYTON

Specially written by Tubby for "Touchline", the magazine of Toc H London Rugby Club, we are very glad to share it with readers here. Also, in this month's "Open Hustings", a correspondent draws attention to the need for supporting the Club and calls for more players and non-playing members.

THE one supreme advantage of old age, if health and memory have not failed yet, is that if men are willing to be told how things began, the teacher needs no books, and need not manufacture evidence. At my old Prep. School, which was Colet Court, the Head was fond of saying to a culprit: "Boy, tell the truth. It is easier to remember than to invent the facts." The truth is this:—

Toc H was reborn in London on the date November 15, 1919, with forty men dead-keen on the attempt, and a few handfuls scattered around Britain and a few more gone back to homes overseas. It was decided promptly that there was no way whereby the Movement could pick up recruits—young post-war men it needed then *and now*—so likely to succeed as by becoming well known on Sports Grounds.

Producing teams

It is important to recall, today, that Toc H was already by far the oldest of all the ex-Service Clubs. The British Legion had not then begun; that started later, when Field-Marshal Haig succeeded in amalgamating bodies like the Ex-Officers' Association with bodies which contained the rank and file. Thus, many of our own foundation members, as the result of wounds, or through their age, had to relinquish team games with regret. But it was recognised by all concerned, right from the outset, that to build Toc H, the Movement must be well known for producing teams which could hold their own, win or lose, with the philosophy of cheerfulness. Thus, our Sports programme forwarded recruitment of just the kind of men we had in mind, and through sport mainly our picked juniors came.

Stuart Sheppard, David's father, my first cousin, had joined Toc H early in 1920. He had been serving in the Middle

East: and to him and to his father, Harry Sheppard, a Don at Cambridge, Toc H owes much of its early strength.

An equal tribute should here be paid to men like William Musters, first Registrar of Toc H. Though he had lost half of one foot, he managed to keep goal for the first XI, even when we had attained First Division. Our first Treasurer, Colonel Jack Peirs, two bars to a D.S.O., was a pre-war Corinthian of repute. Then the three Farnfields (Cambridge) from their school at Bickley all joined Toc H and played for it with zest, and helped to introduce Toc H to schools.

Thus, things began to happen in grim earnest. We managed, somehow, first to rent a field to which we went on adding year by year, at Folly Farm, New Barnet. This tenancy started with inches, finally it reached no less than fourteen acres in extent. Then a miraculous event took place. The freehold of our tenancy was bought and given to Toc H by Mrs. Shennan. Sir Ernest Glover gave us our pavilion in tribute to a son who came not home. By this time we were putting in the field seven teams for soccer and two rugby teams. Our fixture list included many schools and colleges of excellent repute. Long before all this programme was achieved, we tried our luck with one good cricket team, which played the Colts at Lords and drew the match. Year after year at Barnet, seven-a-side went forward with indubitable zest between the London Marks and London Branches; and some provincial Branches sent their teams.

With the schools

At certain schools, where soccer is the game, there was no need for sermons on Toc H, since in the changing rooms and at the teas provided for our teams, Toc H became the natural subject raised by guest or host. More can be done at schools by sending teams the school approves of, than by any other means of communication and approach. To find in all our teams a decent crowd of all sorts and conditions was something like a miracle to schools. Thus faith in one another and goodwill, light-hearted stories of unselfishness and Cockney pluck and humour, made many schools welcome a Toc H team.

Although the days that I speak of are now gone, I don't believe the schoolboys' minds have changed as much as the minds of the middle-aged. The schoolboy of today is sick of being addressed! Pulpits and school platforms tend to

be suspect, since the speakers earn their living with their tongues. It is the genuine man who does not swear or waste the breath he needs for a hard game whom schoolboys like to meet and don't forget. Toc H thus comes to mean a stalwart bunch of busy men who love the game. That is the impression that our Toc H teams must aim at leaving. Hundreds of schools, surrounded by clergy and lecturers longing to be invited, greatly prefer a team which knows the game, is rather rusty, but is sound at heart.

Barnet became the mixing-bowl of Marks and many London Branches of Toc H. The black and amber colours certified bunches of men who merited respect. Brilliant debaters, men with tidy minds, and those who take an age to frame a By-law, patiently tend and care for the machine. But reinforcements rarely come through them, whereas a game well played, well lost or won, knits up the separate identities into a wholesome harmony of effort. Discarding games, Toc H will never reach its zenith.

Getting Things Taped

MAYNE ELSON

TAPE-RECORDERS, though not yet seen quite as often as motor-cars and T.V. sets, are now pretty common. Plenty of members and friends possess one and would be glad to bring it down to the Branch one evening. Like the car and the 'telly', it can either make us lazy or it can be used to help us towards a fuller and more active life.

The Programme Secretary who prefers the line of least resistance won't need to read this article. All he has to do if he wants to use a tape-recorder is to borrow from H.Q. a thirty- or forty-minute talk by one of our top speakers. He will save himself all the trouble of arranging a convenient date with the man concerned, fixing up hospitality, inviting neighbouring Branches and guests and what-have-you. The members will be greatly edified by a wonderful flow of ideas; but these will come, as it were, out of a sausage-machine, uninspired by gesture or the twinkle in the eye (what point would there be in listening to Jack Shaw on tape?) or the mannerisms

—many of the things which helped to make the words into something alive when the talk was given. Probably this is why so many people seem to be dead set against the tape-recorder creeping into Toc H at all.

Ten-minute Tapes

But this versatile and amenable gadget can also be used to stimulate us to do things ourselves. Some while ago, a member who uses tape-recorders in his work suggested to the London Staff Team, who were highly sceptical and hardly knew what the machine looked like, that some ten-minute tapes made expressly for starting discussions would be useful. He urged us to experiment—so we did. From a technical point of view our efforts are not very brilliant, but we are improving and the tapes listed below are now available to all Branches—to start *you* talking. Each is accompanied by some questions which the leader of the meeting can put for discussion.

Keynote Project No. 12

Another way of using the tape-recorder which provides an entertaining and constructive evening is to 'tape' one of the Branch members. Choose (and/or coerce!) your guinea-pig a fortnight beforehand. It will be best if he is *not* the ablest speaker you have. His part will be to talk for not more than twenty minutes about Toc H as if he were at a meeting of, say, a Rover crew, or a C.E.M.S. branch, or a Rotary Club.

During the talk (which will, of course, be recorded) members will be looking out for certain definite points—whether an adequate and balanced picture of Toc H is given; whether it is given in an agreeable and convincing way; whether the speaker knows his subject; whether he makes use of common ground known to exist between Toc H and the body he is supposed to be addressing and, still more important, his grasp of the differences between them; how he uses his voice—and, of course, whether he succeeds in keeping within the time-limit.

Appreciation, friendly criticisms and comments will come after the talk and they will be reinforced when it is played back. The play-back will probably surprise the speaker (even Toc H Staff-men get shocks when they hear themselves!) but will help him enormously to do a better job next time, which will be before a non-Toc H audience, we hope.

The tape-recorder also offers a fascinating way of corresponding with other units both at home and overseas, which some Branches have been quick to take up. Letters exchanging news and views are good, but they depend too much on a single person—the writer. At the receiving end they are not always very effective when read aloud, so they often merely get circulated for individual reading, like Civil Service files. But everyone can contribute to a recording, which can be a sort of living letter containing a few words from each member present, different points of view, varying accounts of service, background noises and leg-pulling and all that goes to make up that indefinable thing called atmosphere. It is tremendous fun making it, a corporate and creative activity, which when received is heard by the other unit as a whole.

A fifteen-minute tape costs 9*s*. 6*d*. to buy and it can travel to and fro indefinitely. Branch 'A' records its message on Track I. Branch 'B' replies on Track II and Branch 'A' can then record a fresh programme on Track I, the former message being automatically erased in the process—and so on.

It is often urged that Toc H must adapt itself to modern ways of living. To this end the tape-recorder is one very pleasant means, which can add greatly to the variety and the value of our meetings. Only a few of its uses are touched on here, but Branches will have no difficulty in finding others.

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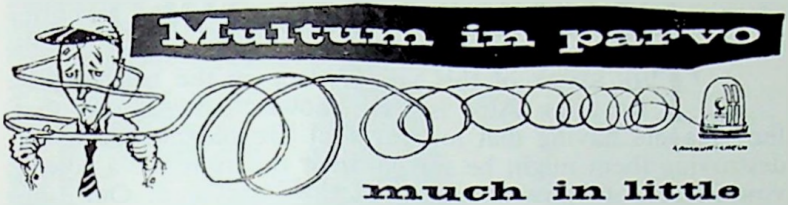
Here is the list of recordings made by the London Staff Team "to start you talking". They are all on three-inch spools, and made at a recording speed of $3\frac{3}{4}$-inches per second

L/1 JOBMASTERY—*Taking a New Look*. MAYNE ELSON. 8 mins.
L/2 BRANCH MEETINGS. BRIAN KINGSLEY-DAVIES. 9 mins.
L/3 INITIATION—*Making the most of it*. MAYNE ELSON. 8 mins.
L/4 THE CEREMONY OF LIGHT. Padre SAM EVANS. 11 mins.
L/5 THE THREE P's OF TOC H—*Some Thoughts on our Method*. MAYNE ELSON. 10 mins.
L/6 YOUNGER MEN FOR TOC H—*A Discussion*. MAYNE ELSON and BRIAN KINGSLEY-DAVIES. 13 mins.
L/7 SOME TIPS ON SPEAKING IN PUBLIC. BILL CAIN (Ruislip Branch). 13 mins.
L/8 THE ART OF CHAIRMANSHIP. RONALD SYMONS (Chairman of the Central Executive). 10 mins.
L/9 PREJUDICES & PUNCTUALITY. CYRIL CATTELL (Area Secretary, Kent & Sussex). 10 mins.

These recordings can be borrowed singly for a fixed date, by any Branch in Britain, by sending 2s. 6d. to the Publications Department at Toc H Headquarters.



The ANNUAL MEETING of the CENTRAL COUNCIL will take place in Derbyshire on April 30 and May 1. Branches should invite Councillors now to meet them soon after then.

TUBBY will be in Lincolnshire on March 28–31 at Louth, Coningsby and Spalding.

¶ STEVE REGIS, after nearly eighteen months in the Manchester and North-Western Areas, has left the staff for his training for the Congregational ministry.

JOHN JANS, as Field Officer, is now working in South Australia and goes to Western Australia in April. On June 10–13 he will be at Coolangatta, Queensland, for the Australian Conference.

PETER VERE-JONES, who will be returning to New Zealand later this year, is at present in the East Anglian Area.

REG SMITH, East Anglian Area Secretary, has been in hospital for an operation and is now convalescent.

CHARLES YOUNG, Northern Area Secretary, and his wife, KATE, are acting as Wardens at Dor Knap until successors to Bill and Winifred Atkins have been found.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE: East Midlands Festival at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, London Sports at Battersea Park, Southern Traction Engine Rally on a site near Winchester—all on Saturday, May 21.

NOTTS & DERBY Fête and Gala, with a brass band contest, at Carr Bank Park, Mansfield, on a Saturday in May.

OBERAMMERGAU: Enquire of O.P.P.P. at H.Q. if you are a man and wish for a place in one of the Toc H parties leaving on May 28 and 29 for a fortnight, visiting the Old House, the Austrian Tyrol and the Passion Play in the heart of the Bavarian Alps.

LANGDALE CAMP in the Lake District, July 2–9, for fit fellows: Enquire of J. R. Elliott, 15 Roman Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

GROTON OLD HALL: For one of the family holiday weeks in the Suffolk countryside between August 20 and September 3, enquire of "Fergie" at H.Q.

The next issue of this JOURNAL will contain the ANNUAL REPORT and the ACCOUNTS for the last financial year.

Oberammergau 1960

THE STORY of this village deep in the heart of the Bavarian Alps is well known: how it was that, the villagers having met to pray that the plague which was destroying them might be stayed, their elders made a solemn vow in 1633 to present a play of the Passion of Our Lord every ten years. This is still done devotedly, despite the inroads and temptations of being commercialised. For the greater glory of God, with no wish to make money or reputations for themselves, the players live again all the great scenes in the greatest story in the world.

In Oberammergau, hospitality is an honoured duty. The visitor finds himself welcomed in no strange land, for where love reigns all men are at home. Its spirit is what everyone would wish the family life of Toc H to be in every place.

Pilgrims, not tourists

Three Toc H parties will set out from London, one on May 28 and two on May 29. The goal of their pilgrimage is Oberammergau in South Germany. For some their preparation and for others their thanksgiving will be at the Old House in Flanders. Two places far apart on the map but not in spirit. From Poperinge or back to it, the coach-routes vary: Brussels, the Ardennes, the Moselle, the Rhine, the Black Forest, or through Luxembourg and the Vosges to Switzerland and Austria. All three parties link up in Innsbruck on the Fourth of June and spend a few days, including Whitsunday, in villages in the Tyrol.

The cost from London to London for the fourteen days, as inclusive as can be, is £42 10s. or £38 10s.; the third party (men only) pays £46, including all its excursions. Many later applicants have been denied places in Oberammergau. For Toc H they are assured but not all of them have been taken up at the time of going to press. An immediate enquiry to Toc H, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1, will bring news.

Some going this time already know what it means. One, when he went with the first Toc H party, was Padre Pat Leonard, then of Manchester where Mark IV was four months old, and now the Bishop of Thetford. Another will be 'Barkis,' who has been on all four pilgrimages since 1922. For most who go in 1960 it will be a first and unforgettable privilege for which they will always be thankful.

Above the river Ammer, the towering crag of the Kofel, part of the natural backcloth of the Passion Play

FAR CRY

overseas notes

GEOFF MARTIN

DROPPING THE PILOT

I AM NOT SURE that this is a good title: it rather suggests that a Pilot is being dropped! What is really happening is that after ten arduous years as Honorary Commissioner of Toc H in India, an old friend has insisted on relinquishing his responsibilities. RAJAIAH PAUL, known with genuine affection as "R.D." to Toc H members in several countries, has held the ship on course through a period of great change in India. He has edited and written most of *The Lamp* of India for years; he has encouraged where encouragement was desirable, and never hesitated to chastise where a metaphorical spank was deserved. He has hit hard at apathy and insincerity, whether he found it in Toc H or in the Church of South India; and he has done it with a characteristic smile which removes any sting but leaves the impression. Toc H is indeed a debtor to R.D., but he himself would say that he owes an immense debt to Toc H. For that matter, thousands of us would say much the same of ourselves. When leaders change in Toc H the chain of office may pass from one to the other but the mantle seldom does.

So it cannot be expected that R.D.'s successor will have the opportunities to follow precisely in his footsteps; his touch will be different, and rightly different.

Doctor SAMUEL MATHAI of New Delhi, the new Honorary Commissioner, is at present known only to a small circle of members, for since he retired from the post of North India Commissioner some years ago his University responsibilities have diverted his energies away from active membership of Toc H. Now, happily, he is prepared to come closer into the circle once again, and in his own way and time take over from R.D. the leadership of Toc H India. A younger man, with many personal gifts to offer the Movement, he is a most

welcome successor. In the meantime R.D. has accepted a temporary lecturing post at Selly Oak College in Birmingham, and plans to arrive here in the summer with Mrs. Paul. They will stay for some months, and it will be delightful for us.

It also happens that R.D. and Annie are preceded by Padre HARRY GORDON JONES, whose two-year tour for Toc H India ended in December last year. Before Harry returns to South India to take up his new duties with the C.M.S. we hope that a lot of us will have opportunity to hear about his experiences. His time in India was overshadowed by the loss of his little son and we warmly wish him and his wife, Joanne, great refreshment of body and spirit on their home-coming.

A GLANCE AT INDIA

In the meantime, JOHN STOKOE, of Hathern, has written to R. D. PAUL saying how much he appreciated reading *The Lamp*, the Journal of Toc H India and in his reply 'R.D.' wrote:

We are able to keep *The Lamp* going mainly because of the support of our overseas subscribers. But I do wish we get more of them. If half the number of Branches in Britain take in a copy each *The Lamp* will flourish—from the financial point of view.

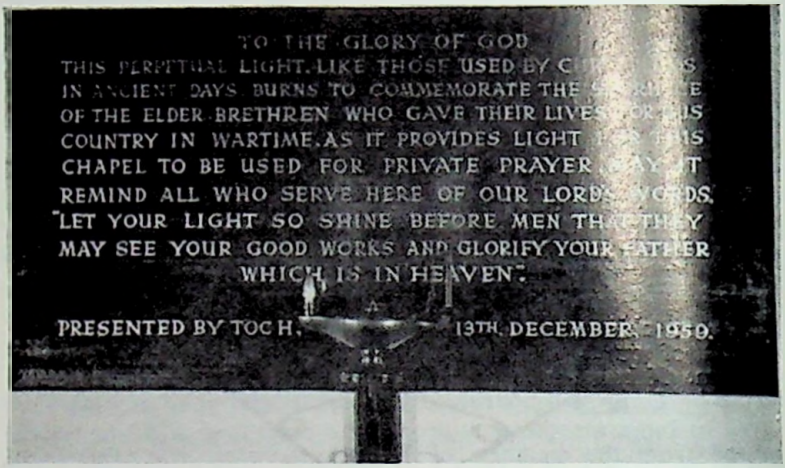
We in India are the only people who come from a different background from the members of Toc H everywhere else. Our social and intellectual background is very different from that of the rest of the membership. Spiritually Indian Christians who are now mostly third and fourth generation Christians are not very effective as Christians. They need to be recalled to the original enthusiasm and conviction of their grandfathers who were prepared to and did suffer much for the sake of Christ and their new religion. These days we can hardly match the self-sacrificing devotion of those early days of Protestant Missionary work in this country of which we and our forefathers are the result. We therefore specially need your prayers that the "Father's power may govern and sustain us, the wisdom of the Son instruct us, the tides of the Spirit renew and quicken us." It is this renewal and quickening that we need.

Our main concern all these years in Toc H has been how to use it to quicken the spiritual life of our members of our congregations. This means that we need to adapt Toc H to our conditions here, how to make it work among, and for the benefit of, people who are so very different from the people among whom it took its origin and who used it in a particular way and gave it a peculiar interpretation. It is, of course, understood that the fundamentals of Toc H cannot be changed. If they are, it will cease to be Toc H. But it is quite possible, nay, very necessary to make changes in techniques, methods of work, its emphasis and its forms of service to the community.

I feel that Toc H folk in other countries should find it interesting to watch what we in India are doing and what success has attended our efforts.

Our having been able to take Toc H to our village Christians who are illiterate in English and to whom Toc H has to be translated—both literally and metaphorically—before they can make use of it, is a development peculiar to India and therefore of considerable interest to Toc H folk everywhere.

I do hope you and your Branch—and through your kind efforts other Branches in your district and area also—will continue to help us by subscribing for *The Lamp*.


TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THIS PERPETUAL LIGHT, LIKE THOSE USED BY C
IN ANCIENT DAYS, BURNS TO COMMEMORATE THE
OF THE ELDER BRETHREN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
COUNTRY IN WARTIME. AS IT PROVIDES LIGHT
CHAPEL TO BE USED FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
REMIND ALL WHO SERVE HERE OF OUR LORD'S
"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY
MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER
WHICH IS IN HEAVEN".
PRESENTED BY TOC H. 13TH DECEMBER, 1959.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL OCCASION

On Sunday, December 13, an unusual event occurred in the R.A.N. Memorial Chapel at Flinders Naval Depot, Victoria, when the Honorary Area Padre, the Rev. ALEC FRASER, on behalf of Toc H Victoria, made a presentation of a Toc H Lamp to be used as a perpetual light in the Chapel in memory of the Elder Brethren. In the presence of a goodly number of naval men and their families, and of a number of members of the Toc H Family, the Lamp was received by the Commodore Superintendent of Training of the Depot, Commodore J. C. MORROW, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., and was then dedicated by the Chaplains of the Depot, Padres J. O. WERE and J. D. Ross, both Toc H members.

For some years Flinders Naval Depot has had affiliation with Toc H, and at present the Toc H Fellowship there for naval personnel of both sexes is doing a most useful work in bringing together socially and in Christian surroundings numbers of people who have not had previous experience of

the Family. These are often from distant parts of Australia and welcome the opportunity afforded of making new friends in the kind of atmosphere that Toc H is always able to provide. Incidentally the Fellowship wants us to take this opportunity of conveying their greetings and good wishes to members of the Family all over Australia and overseas as well.

The Shop

I shudder when the shop I pass
For Golgotha is there re-born
And little Christs, despairing, torn,
Are crucified on wood and brass.

The shouting's over, and the blood
Is shed, and rent the Temple veil,
Yet craftsmen and machines impale
Time after time, the Son of God.

He knew the nakedness and pain,
The crawling flies and heat and thirst;
Sightseers picnicked, spat and cursed;
And now men nail Him back again.

High in the darkness, while the dice
For His discarded robe was spun,
He bore the whole world's sin in one
Divine, sufficient sacrifice.

Death and the grave He overcame,
And yet these men, their tools run rife
With murder, His Eternal Life
Would hang unto a death of shame.

The window haunts me with its rows
Of crosses; Jesus, looking down,
Priced thirty shillings, half-a-crown,
Calls God's forgiveness on His foes.

DOROTHY FLANN.

The Elder Brethren

ARMER.—On December 4, JOHN THOMAS ARMER, aged 80, a member of Kirkby Lonsdale Branch. Elected 1.10.'51.

BROWN. On January 23, SYDNEY EDWARD BROWN, aged 74, a member of Wembley & Preston Branch. Elected 31.3.'45.

BUNDEY.—On December 13, ALBERT H. BUNDEY, aged 87, a Southern Area member. Elected 1.1.'25.

COX.—On January 8, ASHLEY GEORGE COX, aged 44, a member of Cirencester Branch. Elected 19.3.'37.

DICKENSON.—On January 20, JOHN ROBERT DICKENSON, aged 38, a member of Fleetwood Branch. Elected 15.1.'54.

FULLER.—On December 24, WALTER CHARLES FULLER, aged 62, a member of Uckfield Branch. Elected 9.7.'45.

JOHNS.—On January 13, BARRY HILTON JOHNS, aged 68, a member of Budleigh Salterton Branch. Elected 6.9.'56.

JONES.—On January 26, JOHN EDWARD JONES, aged 72, a member of Longlevens Branch. Elected 10.3.'32.

KNIGHT.—On January 15, ROBERT LEONARD JOHN KNIGHT, aged 35, a member of New Addington Branch. Elected 20.3.'52.

KNOPP.—On December 9, WILLIAM KNOPP, aged 80, a member of St. Thomas (Exeter) Branch. Elected 3.12.'53.

LEGGE.—Suddenly on January 8, WILLIAM FRANK LEGGE, aged 53, a member of Macclesfield Branch. Elected 7.1.'28.

MORRIS.—On December 30, RICHARD MEDLICOTT MORRIS, aged 83, a member of Bishop's Castle Branch. Elected 9.8.'38.

NORMAN.—On January 6, THOMAS NORMAN, aged 70, a member of Porlock Branch. Elected 28.10.'43.

ROBINSON.—On January 9, RONALD LEONARD ROBINSON ('Robbo'), aged 49, a member of Sandy Branch. Elected 25.8.'40.

ROWLEY.—On January 4, ARTHUR ROWLEY ('Pop'), aged 81, a member of Chippenham Branch. Elected 11.3.'33.

SMITH.—On January 3, JAMES RADFORD SMITH, aged 76, a member of Willesborough Branch. Elected 1.1.'54.

WESTWOOD.—On January 3, FREDERICK WILLIAM WESTWOOD, aged 70, a member of Abergele Branch. Elected 18.2.'52.

WHEATLEY.—In December, GEORGE OBED WHEATLEY, aged 74, a member of Uckfield Branch. Elected 1.5.'50.

WIDLAKE.—On December 24, WILLIAM JOHN WIDLAKE, aged 85, a member of Skewen Branch. Elected 15.4.'36.

In Memoriam

JAMES INGLIS WIGHTMAN

Jim Wightman, who was killed, the result of a car crash, on Tuesday, December 29, 1959, was everything that a Toc H member should be and his passing from us has left a gap which will be more than difficult to fill. During the five years that he was with us, Jim proved himself to be the living inspiration of all who strove to increase the Spirit of Toc H amongst men. Such was

his love for Toc H and all that it stood for, that his enthusiasm could not be contained in the Branch alone. This fact was proved by the energy and efficiency which he put into his position first as Secretary of the Branch and then as Secretary to the Border District Team. Even this work was not enough for Jim when it concerned the furthering of the interests of Toc H and he served faithfully and well as a member of the Scottish Executive Council, where he became Chairman of the Extension Committee. Selkirk Branch has lost a great member. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and two young children. J.M.

'The Promise of the Spirit'

KEN ROGERS

IN the 1955 Annual Report of Toc H, John Callf referred to the search by disappointed members for some 'new magic wand' which would transform their ineffective Branches. He said, "We are born of a spirit [the title of the Report] and not of a system, and all the messing about with systems usually aggravate weakness. The only hope is for a humble spirit which says, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me'". William Barclay's new book, **The Promise of the Spirit*, will bring many of us to make that prayer our own.

Through the Old and New Testaments and the very early Church, Barclay traces assiduously the working of the Spirit of God, without choking the reader with its wealth of references. Rather, he makes us want for more as we come to realise how much we, today, should be depending on that precious gift to mankind. Indeed, all our activities and endeavours in Toc H must be in vain and fruitless without it. You say, you knew that? Even so, a re-vision of personal experience of the working of the Spirit in private and corporate life will almost certainly show up the lack of its vitality in ourselves.

This book provides an opportunity for us to pause in our busy-ness to ask God once again to 'renew a right spirit within us,' so that we too may know the full force and direction of the amazing power which in His mercy and goodness He makes available to us.

**The Promise of the Spirit* (Epworth, 5s. 0d.).

Going Places, 1960

PARTIES TO: POPERINGE, BELGIUM & HOLLAND OBERAMMERGAU

For details of any of these party arrangements and cost, please write direct to the person whose name and address is given below.

APRIL 14-19. EASTER WEEK-END at Poperinge. Mixed party led by Miss ELSA PERRIN. Enquiries to LESLIE GOSDEN, Toc H Headquarters, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

MAY 13-16. MIXED PARTY based on the Old House, Poperinge, for younger members led by RAY FABES and BRIAN KINGSLEY-DAVIES. Enquiries to Brian Kingsley-Davies, 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

MAY 28 & 29. OBERAMMERGAU. Some vacancies in Toc H parties going to the Old House, Bavaria and the Tyrol on fortnight's tour. Places assured for Passion Play (See details, page 90).

JUNE 4-7. WHITSUN PARTY to the Old House for Marksmen and other male members and friends. Enquiries to J. H. CLARK, Toc H Headquarters, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

JUNE 13-20. OVERSEAS MEMBERS. Enquiries to *Overseas Secretary*, Toc H Headquarters, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

JUNE 25-JULY 2. MIXED PARTY, based on Bruges; tours to Brussels and Antwerp and two days at the Old House. Write to F. G. CHESWORTH, Editorial Office, Toc H H.Q., 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

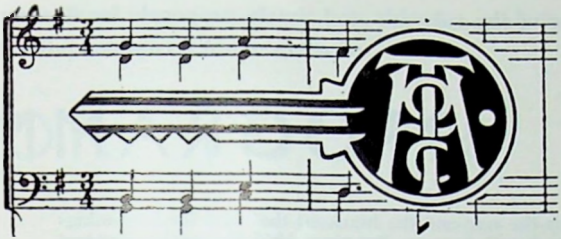
JULY 16-23. MIXED PARTY, to Poperinge including two days in the Ardennes. Enquiries to MRS. LOUIE CARTER, 109 Chester Avenue, Luton, Bedfordshire.

AUGUST 9-13. WINNIPEG VOLUNTEERS journey to the Old House, following their voluntary service in Britain.

AUGUST 13-27. MIXED PARTY, week's visit to Holland, followed by week in Belgium, five days in Bruges and two days at the Old House. Details from F. G. CHESWORTH, Editorial Office, Toc H Headquarters, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 3. HEREFORD BRANCH mixed party, visiting the Old House Poperinge. Others welcomed if there is room. Enquiries to RALPH SANDERS, 10 St. Paul Road, Tupsley, Hereford.

As these parties usually get booked-up quickly, interested readers are advised to apply for details without delay.



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DANGER: MEN AT WORK

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED when one Branch started to tackle one of the Keynote Projects. They chose No. 6: Helping Youth Organisations, Reinforcing their activities and Sports. One of the Keymen, who is also Jobmaster, decided to take a look at the Youth Clubs in the town. This led him on to other clubs and organisations. Gradually he, and through him the Branch, became aware of the need for some kind of co-ordination and co-operation.

A preliminary meeting was held in the Mayor's Parlour in December. As a result in January a meeting was held of representatives of sixty-five societies, clubs and organisations in the town. The idea of a Community Association and a Centre to cater for the whole community in social, recreational and cultural interests and pursuits was put forward and received whole-heartedly.

The next step is a questionnaire asking each society and club what support it is prepared to give and suggestions of names for a committee. There is no doubt that by the end of the year there will be a nucleus of a Community Association in the town. It all started through Keynotes!

Another Branch decided to tackle one of the most difficult Projects, No. 9: Using One's Leisure for Right Purposes. The two Keymen would be the first to admit that they have not made much progress, but a glance at the Branch programme shows that a start has been made: A talk by the City Librarian on 'Why people don't read books'; another by the Director of the local Theatre Royal, and (in order to find out how a number of men spend their leisure) a Branch visit to a local public house!

It is surprising where Keynotes can lead, isn't it?

An outline of the valuable and timely proposals for dealing with
of whose main recommendations have

PROGRAMME

It was the war and the blackout that saw the beginnings of the Youth Service. But since 1945 the service has had a lean time, getting only 1d. in the £1 of the money spent on education. Youth clubs have consequently suffered from drab, overcrowded, inadequate premises staffed by too few, overworked, people.

PUBLIC CONCERN about growing juvenile delinquency led the Government in November, 1958, to appoint a committee under the chairmanship of the Countess of Albemarle :

To review the contribution which the Youth Service of England and Wales can make in assisting young people to play their part in the life of the community, in the light of changing social and industrial conditions and of current trends in other branches of the education service; and to advise according to what priorities best value can be obtained for the money spent.

Last month the committee reported with a ten-year development programme for the Youth Service to enable it to "advance on all fronts". The report has been published as a White Paper (*The Youth Service in England and Wales;* Cmnd. No. 929. 6s. 0d.) and the Government has already accepted most of the committee's main recommendations, which include :

1.—To extend the service to all young people from fourteen to twenty (now fifteen to twenty) including those still at school.

2.—To increase the full-time Youth leader force from 700 to 1,300 by 1966, and an emergency training college should be opened by the autumn of next year at the latest.

3.—To set up a Youth Service Development Council to refreshen the whole service in the same way that education has been refreshened in modern times. Much more money would be needed, some of which should come from the young people themselves.

ıæanging needs of young people made in the Albemarle Report, most y' been accepted by the Government.

FOR YOUTH

At the same time there has been a startling increase in serious crime in the fourteen to twenty age-group: National Service is coming to an end; recreational facilities have to be provided in the new housing estates; and the 'bulge' in the population means that an additional million young persons must be catered for by 1964

4.—A national campaign for more voluntary helpers, and development of the voluntary principle at every level of activity.

5.—In general the committee wanted more clubs less formal, and more like the adolescent equivalent of the pub.

The report calls strongly for a 'new look' for the Youth Service; for its remodelling and modernisation in line with the changed outlook of young people today. The Service is not there to 'keep young people off the streets', or 'out of trouble'. Its wider purpose is to provide for the continued social and informal education of young people "in terms most likely to bring them to maturity".

Closer Knowledge

Common generalisations about adolescents today are mostly untrue or are distortions, but have hardened into some of the most striking *clichés* of the last decade. "It is easier to condemn by a blanket misreading all new forms — dress, dancing or popular singing — than to acquire the close knowledge which will permit an appreciation of the strengths some of these new forms reveal."

The particular quality of excessive public attention being paid to young people of today is deplored. "It is no matter for surprise that adolescents are often puzzled, unsure who are their friends and sometimes ready to express their uncertainty in strange or even violent forms."

The committee are left "predominantly with a sense of respect and admiration for most young people's good sense, goodwill, vitality and resilience". The juvenile delinquent is

a very small minority of the age-group, and it is up to the Youth Service, in co-operation with parents and the public at large, with other branches of education and the voluntary organisations concerned to help all young people — not only the delinquent — to prepare themselves to meet the ever-pressing challenge of our changing world.

"In this time of unprecedented plenty", says the report, "the lives of many young people are likely to be poorer at twenty than one might have guessed on seeing them eagerly leaving school at fifteen. Young people have never been more in a crowd—and never more alone: without a Youth Service many of them would not be more free but less free. A properly supported Youth Service can help many more individuals to find their own way better, personally and socially."

The committee suggest that both local education authorities and the voluntary organisations should consider what approaches can be made to the "explosive" element among the young, and what money should be forthcoming to extend and diversify the experimental techniques at present being tried.

Changed outlooks

Stressing the urgent need for public support and understanding for the work of the Youth Service, the report says "We hope an appeal will be made to professional men and women, technicians, workers and gifted amateurs in sport, music, the arts, and so forth, to help and advise groups; to those with a gift for gaining the confidence and affection of young people, to act as leaders . . . the help of the ordinary citizen is the most needed, and particularly during the next ten years of development when there is bound to be a shortage of trained leaders. Let no-one be held back by doubts of his ability or skill; a basic kindliness, a simple commonsense and unlimited patience are the most important qualities."

Above all, what is required on the part of the general public is an imaginative appreciation of the changed outlooks of young people today.

At a time when many young people feel tempted to reject adult experience and authority, it is plain, says the report, that the Youth Service should not seem to offer something 'packaged'; a way of life, a set of values or a code, as though these were things which came ready-made for the asking. If they feel the need, young people must have the liberty

to question cherished ideas, attitudes and standards, and if necessary to reject them, emphasise the committee. At the same time, the Youth Service cannot shirk its responsibility to help them in their search for "values which can inform their lives and give them meaning".

Young people today have much more money to spend than pre-war groups. The real earnings of teenagers of both sexes have increased on an average by about one half since 'before the war'. The committee suggest the Youth Service might well consider ways in which it can best enlist this greater spending power. "Young people are obviously willing to spend freely on things which appeal to them: here is a plain opportunity for the Youth Service to take advantage of prosperity so as to widen the choices made".

More responsibility

The committee would like to see the young given more responsibility for organising their own activities. "The specialist group, or self-programming group, in which the adult enters as an adviser is an illustration of what we mean", says the report. "We think, for instance, that after one or two trial runs young people are capable of initiating and running adventure schemes which are likely to be more probing because they themselves have drawn them up."

The opportunities for challenge which crop up in the life of a group have a special value for the non-academic boy and girl. Physical adventure has the most obvious appeal. "To many of the young their world is a humdrum affair; their lives are tram-lined by the streets and time-tabled by the running of buses. The colourful and the unexpected do not happen to them unless they make it. They can do so by violence, destructiveness or deliberate breaches of accepted public behaviour." Or they can go out of the towns to find it; Scouting, Guiding, Outward Bound and Brathay have shown the young a variety of approaches.

Some young people are too wary or too deeply estranged to accept, at first anyway, even the slight commitment of club membership. "We should like to see more experiments made to cater for their social needs in the unconstrained way they appear to seek". The coffee bar sited strategically where they tend to congregate, the 'drop-in' club where they pay by the evening; the experimental youth centre or workshop where they can come without registering as members.

The committee emphasise the importance of mixed activities. "More and more schools and colleges are becoming co-educational, and this working and meeting together of the sexes from childhood is now so much part of the social scene that adolescents do not always take kindly to segregation in their clubs. Clubs and other groups can be a better better preparation for life and for marriage if they reflect the mixed pattern of school and family.

The report stresses the great importance of the voluntary principle in the Service. "Voluntary attendance and voluntary help seem to us to be its chief strength". Compulsory attendance is a feature of school life, but — in contrast to some Youth Service experiments in totalitarian countries — young people here go to a club of their own free will. They are free to take part in its activities or not, and to leave if the activities fail to hold their interest.

Voluntary help

Voluntary help is no less important. There are great numbers of people who are ready to give up their time to meet and talk with young people, and to help with the activities of Youth groups, clubs and centres. "The motives which have urged them to take up work in the Service are varied, but we are struck by the real concern for young people and the desire to help them at whatever cost which characterises most of these voluntary workers. It is vital for young people to understand that many of the older generation are genuinely anxious to make friends and share their interests."

The Youth Service of tomorrow will want not only much better facilities and richer opportunities for activity, but a much greater number of workers. It is therefore of the first importance to establish a satisfactory structure for the profession. Outlining a long-term scheme for recruitment and training of full-time leaders, and a scheme for emergency training, the committee point out that the total number of full-time leaders has dwindled during the last few years. In 1953-54 there were 825; now there are about 700. The committee suggest that at least 150 new leaders will be needed each year after 1966, to maintain the target figure of 1,300 which should be reached by then.

The full report stresses the importance of raising the standards of furnishings, lighting, decoration and equipment, as

well as of the buildings themselves. At the present time there is a general shortage of facilities for physical recreation, particularly in areas of dense population and new housing estates. A high priority should be given to remedying this. The committee would like to see closer relations between parks and gardens committees of local authorities and Youth committees. "Parks committees often work jointly with cemetery committees, and they become dedicated only too easily to the task of keeping people off or under the grass," says the report.

The major part in the development of youth work must be played by local educational authorities, and they will therefore need to spend "considerably more" than their present annual total of about £2½ million. The Youth Service should not, however, subsist entirely on public funds. The committee are of the opinion that young people generally will be prepared, and should be encouraged, to pay more than they do at present for the facilities which the Youth Service provides. But charges should obviously be related to what is offered, "and the right time to raise subscriptions is when the facilities themselves are being improved".

VIRGINIA TOBACCO AT ITS BEST

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War on Want

DENIS WESTON

MOST PEOPLE KNOW the proverb "May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live". In this country it is a proverb with a reasonable chance of fulfilment, for almost everyone is well provided with food and clothing and suitable housing, and we have a generous expectation of life.

When my Branch began investigating conditions in other countries, in connection with Keynote Project No. 10, to discover how best we should use our wealth and talents, we were horrified to find that the standard of living in underdeveloped areas such as India, China and Central America was approximately as follows:

income of £20 per head per annum;
one square meal per three days;
one doctor per 50,000 people;
expectation of life in India of thirty-one years.

Compare those with the following for Europe:

income of £200 per head per annum;
three square meals per day for the majority;
one doctor per 2,000 people;
expectation of life of seventy-one years.

Comparisons like these forced us to consider what action we could take to alleviate the appalling misery in underdeveloped countries.

United Nations Organisations such as UNICEF, FAO, WHO and ILO do a great deal to alleviate conditions and there are also several charitable organisations who supplement the official help given by U.N. agencies. One of these voluntary organisations is called "War on Want". This organisation is not just another charity. The aim of War on Want groups is to move the conscience of the wealthy nations of the world and not to rest until they accept the Christian concept of Brotherhood and all this implies for the wealthy. ¶ It believes that the needs of the underdeveloped areas of the world can only be adequately met if the richer nations give aid on a far larger scale than they do at present. War on Want seeks to create a climate of opinion favourable to generous and sustained efforts by our Government and nation

against world poverty. The desperate position which is expressed in the fact that two-thirds of the world today is in dire poverty can only be cured by wise legislation. No other way is possible. But to do something on a personal scale is worth while and War on Want is therefore prepared to provide literature and to forward proceeds of collections to agencies such as UNICEF without one penny charge for its services.

The Scottish Committee of War on Want, to enable small groups to take an active part on a personal scale, have several projects which they support. In Jalna in North India where a clean and plentiful supply of water was a problem, a well-digging team has been equipped with a bullock cart and a pump and other equipment so that the team has been able to repair wells and build new ones. Details of other projects can be obtained from Scottish Committee for War on Want, 214, Clyde Street, Glasgow, C.1.

Please spread the news among your friends that most of the world's folk are often needlessly hungry, ill and worried, and do what you can in political party, church assembly, employers federation, trade unions, and the public press to effect national and international action on a wider scale. If your Branch has not yet adopted a Keynote Project, perhaps you can persuade them to support this one.

Lighthouse for Sale

'SKIP' FARRANT

Of the many varied trades and professions followed by Toc H members, this one surely beats all others for rarity—or does it?

BEFORE THE WAR, I was in what must be one of the slowest jobs in the world. I was a Lighthouse Salesman. Now a lighthouse salesman's job is essentially a family affair; the business being handed down from father to son through the generations. In this respect it is very similar to steeple-jacking, the few existing firms in this line having been established over a century ago. In neither business,

moreover, is there any short cut to success: in both cases you have to start at the bottom and work your way up.

First there are the technical details to be mastered, such as a knowledge of hydrostatics, the wearing and resisting qualities of the various kinds of granite and its reaction to perpetual immersion in sea-water. The science of optics also enters very largely into the construction of lighthouses; the actual lighting power may only be in the region of 5,000 candle power, but by the skilful adaptation of multi-mirrors this may be increased to as much as 1,000,000 candle power.

There are many other technical aspects of this business with which I shall not bore the reader, but it may be of interest to relate that, on the average, only one lighthouse has been sold during the lifetime of each generation in our family during the past two hundred years. It is not difficult for the layman to appreciate that lighthouses are not sold every day, and we are not ashamed of our family record.

Lighthouses are very costly structures and the commission on each sale runs into five pretty good figures. After the payment of heavy overheads and charges for propaganda, careful investment of the balance brings in a steady income of £8 to £10 a week.

On our business trips we usually carry photographs, small models and samples of granite. Since the standard granite sample approved by "NALCAS" (National Association of Lighthouse Constructors and Salesmen) weighs fourteen pounds it will be seen that our job demands a fair measure of physical endurance. I estimate that in my twenty-five years' experience I have carried a total weight of twenty tons a distance equivalent to that from London to Edinburgh and back.

I experienced my greatest disappointment in 1929 when, after negotiations lasting nearly two years, I landed a big order for a lighthouse to be erected off the west coast of Scotland. My client was a very rich, titled landowner and it was his idea that the lighthouse should be erected partly as a memorial to his late wife.

The contract was duly entered into and the various sub-contracts were placed. The failure of my client to pay the first instalment when this became due led, eventually, to a High Court case, when the contract was, unfortunately, declared null and void because my client was proved to be

a raving lunatic! That was the sum total of sixteen years of strenuous effort, the lost business being in the region of £198,000.

I cannot help feeling amazed at the state of mind of those who are bored with the humdrumness of their jobs. When next they experience feelings of boredom they should, I suggest, give a thought to the lot of the lighthouse salesman. I have been in the business for twenty-five years and have yet to land my first real order, but I'm glad to say that I shall not succumb to feelings of pessimism on that account.

Chairmen or Leaders?

F. L. PETCH

TOC H IS A MOVEMENT and if it is to keep pace with a non-stop world, it cannot be anything else. A movement has been defined as "a series of actions and endeavours for a special object" which is a reasonable explanation of the manner in which Toc H strives to convert its fundamental beliefs into a way of life.

In the October JOURNAL, Tubby warned us that a movement which halts becomes a society. A society has been defined by the same authority as "an association of persons united by a common interest or principle", which, at first glance, might appear almost synonymous with a movement. There is, however, a vast difference, of which, fortunately, Tubby was aware when he issued his warning.

'Actions and endeavours'

A society can satisfy its "common interests or principles" quite adequately by sitting perfectly still and allowing the world to revolve around it. Not so a movement which can only pursue its "series of actions and endeavours" through a steady advance towards its "special object", influencing opinion and shaping events in its course.

The work of a society can be directed quite satisfactorily by a Chairman. Therefore, it is right and proper that societies

should have Chairmen. But whoever heard of a successful movement being led by a Chairman?

Think back over all the great and influential movements that mark the history of the world. Start around 1230 B.C., in Egypt, where there existed a powerful movement which, through a series of actions and endeavours, strove to achieve the special object of leaving Egypt and moving to Israel — led by a man named Moses. What was Moses — Chairman of the "Quit Egypt Society" or Leader of the Israelites? Come to Britain in A.D. 60 where a movement developed to achieve, through a series of actions and endeavours, the special object of the departure of the Romans. At its head a woman, Boadicea. How do we remember her — as Chairman of the "Go Home Romans Society" or as Leader of the Britons?

Wat Tyler, John Knox, John Wesley, William Wilberforce, Florence Nightingale, the Pankhursts, General Booth, Gandhi. You know them all and others besides as Leaders of great movements which have stirred the minds of men. And not one do you remember as the Chairman of anything.

'Well-meaning but aimless'

Movements cannot exist without leaders. It is not that they fail — they don't even start because they are stillborn. They can get no farther than becoming a disorganised collection of well-meaning but aimless men, all aware of what they want but having little idea of how to achieve it.

Yet we, in this great Movement of Toc H, which "God so wonderfully has created", have never recognised the term Leader. We read about leadership; we talk and are talked to about leadership; we hear about leadership, but within our constitution, Leaders do not exist. They are a myth. Why?

Here we are, a Movement crying out for Leaders. Leaders of Branches, Leaders of District Teams, Leaders of Area Executives, Leaders of everything. But what do we get?

We get Chairmen! Hundreds and thousands of 'em. First-class men, many of them, full of tact, efficient conductors of business, polite, well mannered and soothing. But—are they Leaders? Some of them may be, some undoubtedly are, but if they are, it is purely incidental and is not the prime reason for their election to office. Far too frequently for the eventual good of Toc H and all it is pledged to do, men are elected

to be Chairmen because they may be expected to keep a committee in order, or because they have been faithful members of Toc H for a long time, or even because it is their turn. All these are important factors in the right context but they have nothing whatever to do with satisfying the urgent and perpetual need for real Leaders.

It is so unlikely that the essential attributes of a good Leader and a good Chairman will be found in the same man that we must now make up our minds what we are going to have in this new decade. If we are content to stagnate into the cabbage-like existence of a society, then, by all means, let us stick to Chairmen. But, if we want to exist and remain as a virile, living Movement, advancing through a series of actions and endeavours towards our special object, then we have just got to have Leaders.

Capital 'L'

It is time for Toc H to drop the title of Chairman with a capital 'C' and use the word only to describe the transitory occupation of the presiding seat at a formal meeting. Branches, District Teams and Area Executives should, in future, be led by Leaders with a capital 'L', elected by those bodies solely on the grounds of their fitness to lead with courage and wisdom and foresight.

Leaders, once elected, should select their teams of Secretaries, Jobmasters, Treasurers, though not Pilots or Padres, by invitation so that they may be assured that they have the best available material at their disposal. The Prime Minister does this, why not Toc H?

As long as we remain faithful to hidebound traditions and shirk our real responsibilities, we are committing Toc H to the constant danger of deterioration. Remember 1915. Remember 1920? Yes, indeed, but remember only these things which really matter and have become the eternal realities of the spirit of Toc H. It is our duty to future generations to face up to 1960 and discard those things which have outgrown their usefulness but to which we have clung because we have been too lazy to think clearly upon.

Let this be the first of what might well be a chain of revitalising actions. Exit Chairmen and other anachronisms! Enter Leaders, with flashing swords and shining armour, to inspire our hearts and stiffen our knees.

Beware the dreadful alternative — stagnation!

Open hustings

readers' letters

The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.

'Old and Alone'

MAY I support the letter in the January issue of the JOURNAL from the Secretary of the National Old People's Welfare Council? If any Branch of Toc H is considering helping old people it is advisable first to see if there is a local Committee of Old People's Welfare so that they do not overlap with what is already being done, and so that they may know all the help which is available to them in the work they mean to tackle.

The interchange of ideas being worked out by the different agencies represented on the Committee and the pooling of experience is most valuable to all concerned, and is something which all concerned should be contributing to as well as benefiting from.

The Scottish Old People's Welfare Council issues an extremely useful Handbook for reference by all connected with old people. Even Town Councillors, Bank Managers and Doctors have found it valuable to turn to in difficulty. Under its clear headings one can find—how to go about getting income tax relief, domestic help, legal advice, a sitter-up in case of emergency illness. It lists all the services available for special cases and gives pages in which to fill the local addresses of Government Offices, Voluntary Organisations, etc. If anyone should wish to obtain this excellent book it can be had from The Scottish Old People's Welfare Committee, 10 Alva Street, Edinburgh, 2.

When attending a most interesting Conference arranged by the above Committee it was strongly borne on one's mind that one is progressing towards that old age we had been discussing and the more prepared to cope with it we are the better! We will not suddenly become interested in a balanced diet when we are wilting from the beginnings of undernourishment, or take to regular exercise when we would rather hug the fire, or widen our interests as our boundaries become more confined unless we have already practised well going in that direction. A salutary thought!

F. M. BEETON.

Edinburgh.

Holiday Help

VOLUNTEERS are required to help for periods of two weeks at seaside Holiday Homes on the south-east coast during the summer months, May to October, 1960. Those wishing to help should be strong and healthy, as most of the work involves pushing guests

in wheeled chairs and helping them to enjoy a normal holiday. Board and lodging will be provided and travelling expenses between London and the Holiday Home refunded.

Anyone who would like to help in this way should write for further particulars to The Assistant Secretary, National Association for the Paralysed, 1 York Street, Baker Street, London, W.1.

BARBARA MACROBERT,
Secretary.

N.A.F.T.P.,
London, W.1.

'Death on our Roads'

BRANCHES may be interested in a scheme tried out recently by Syston Branch, when we organised a series of lectures by the Police on "The Theory of Driving" on our meeting nights. Our business had to be fitted in at odd times, but it did bring Toc H to the public notice as well as providing another weapon against the Toll of the Road.

The attendance averaged fifty, in spite of the very bad weather, and a collection (suggested by a member of the audience) provided sufficient for twelve parcels of Christmas delicacies for old people. Since we started the course of six lectures, we learn that four other organisations in the county are putting on similar courses.

JOHN MEAKIN.
Syston Branch, Leicester.

Link with Flanders

WILL you please accept the thanks of myself and my wife, for the gift of logs from Beaminster Branch which I can assure you are acceptable, and very much appreciated. I do not know the Branch chairman or members but I have good reason to know where the house at Poperinge, which was established in 1915, stood.

The regiment with which I served, spent quite a lot of time in that area and later between July 31 and August 15, 1917, we captured Hooge and Westhoek Ridge just east of Ypres. I was in 13 Platoon, D. Coy. of the 2nd Battn. the Devonshire Regt. and I wonder whether any Toc H member could put me in touch with my old sergeant, 6848 E. Way?

HAROLD E. COOPER, M.M.
17-3 Gerrards Green,
Beaminster, Dorset.

Toc H London Rugby Club

AS one of the 'Old Guard' who played Rugger as long ago as 1925 in the Toc H Rugger Club I write as one who still looks back with the greatest pleasure and with the very happiest of memories to the days when Toc H put three or four teams in the field.

It was with great joy that I learned of the revival of the Club and wish it every success. Having just received their splendid magazine *Touchline*, it struck me as being disappointing that no more than twenty-seven well-wishers have joined the Club as non-playing members who are asked to subscribe the modest sum of 5s. per annum. There must be hundreds who read the JOURNAL who would like to show their gratitude for Toc H Rugger in the past. I can well appreciate what such token contributions can do for the encouragement of Miles Quest at Mark XX and others working so hard for the venture. This is no official appeal but is written in the hope that enthusiasm may be aroused in the hearts of a number of Old Sweats.

GEOFFREY BATCHELAR.
St. James' Vicarage,
Holt, Dorset.

Langdale Pikes from Blea Tarn

Sixteen to Thirty?

Langdale Week, July 2 to 9, 1960, looks like being over-subscribed this year. Some applications have already been received by the Hon. Secretary.

Langdale offers a week of fellowship in the open air, among the hills of Lakeland. It is open to members and non-members of Toc H, provided they are fit and fond of walking *up* hills. Lack of experience is not a bar.

The Wayfarer's Lodge in Langdale is not a holiday camp, nor a private hotel. It is a base camp for men who want a week of walking, talking and laughter in the hills. The cost? £4. 10. 0. for the week.

Vacancies are limited; former participants are advised not to assume that a place will be kept for them. Apply *now* to JIM ELLIOTT, 15 Roman Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

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Attention is also drawn to details on page 98 of the Whitsun party going to Belgium being arranged by J. H. Clark, and also a 'mixed' party for younger members led by Fay Fabes and Brian Kingsley-Davies.

From all parts

direct from areas

WEST YORKSHIRE.—**Boroughbridge** joined with **Easingwold** Branch (East Yorkshire) in a visit to the Cheshire Home at Alne. **Huddersfield** District are supporting the Mayor's appeal for the closure of a refugee camp in Austria by opening and staffing a gift shop. Members of **Brotherton House, Mark XXIII** group have organised and participated in week-end camps in Wharfedale for lads from H.M. Borstal at Wetherby. Despite wintry conditions two very successful camps at Arncliffe and Buckden have been enjoyed. Members from **Otley** Branch shared in these ventures, and Brian Midgley, an expert pot-holer, led the parties. **South Craven** District held a training week-end last month in Bingley Congregational Church Hall, when David Rowlings, Governor of H.M. Borstal at Wetherby, spoke on "Rehabilitation of Youth;" Alan Hill on "Youth and Toc H," and Mr. Teal on "Youth and Leisure". **Otley** Branch is organising a series of typical refugee meals consisting of a bowl of soup and a slice of bread. The meal is served every Friday in the Branch room at a charge of 2s. 6d., the proceeds going to the World Refugee Fund. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present when **Wortley-de-Leeds** Branch invited 150 old people to a tea party, but owing to bad weather conditions only 110 arrived. Later in the month 150 old people received a surprise gift of twelve coal bricks each.

RON SMITH.

LINCOLNSHIRE.—A leaflet entitled *Down YOUR way*, considerably helped **Sleaford** Branch in their collection for their Old People's Party. All presents given to the old people of **Couingsby** by the local Branch were personally chosen and gifts included sweets, potted plants, cigarettes, socks and ties, money, etc. The **Louth** and **N.E. Lincs.** District Teams have begun inter-District visiting. Their first Guest Speaker was Les Wheatley who stressed points for consideration regarding "The Future". Early returns of the forms *Regarding Jobs* show twenty-five members in the Area are serving on local Councils. **Louth** Branch are again organising a 'Lovely Louth' competition amongst local traders and business houses. **Scarthoe** Branch have reached the 470th programme in their Juke Box Saturday Night, a programme of request gramophone records for the patients of the Springfield T.B. Hospital. The Branch also co-operates with the Grimsby T.B. After-Care Committee in the preparation of the "Hometown" programme. **Mablethorpe,** bearing in mind their own plight in the floods of 1953, organised an auction sale to support the appeal launched by the local Council for the French Flood Disaster Fund. The **Fen** District are again organising a Fête on Whit Monday in support of the Family Purse. Progress is being made in establishing a new group at **Boston.** Names of contacts to Alec Harvey, 22 Pilgrim Road, Boston, please.

GEORGE LEE.

A poster display on a strategic site by Putney Park Branch. The centre two posters, joined together, proved most effective and attracted considerable attention.

WESTERN.—Last month the Administrator spoke to the Toc H Circle of **Bristol University** and in the evening held a "Questions and Answers" session at the Area Centre. **Bristol South** District Team are to hear about the situation in Central Africa from a young Nyasaland student, Dick Mattenje, who is at present attending Bristol University. **Chippenham** District Team heard from one of their Branches of a grand piece of service. A young lad, whose mother is in Greathouse Cheshire Home, and whose father had deserted them, found that his foster-parents (on whom he had been boarded) were no longer prepared to put him up. This happened on Christmas Eve and the local Branch moved heaven and earth to ensure that the lad was welcomed into a family circle, one of the members taking the lad into his home. Moves are now afoot to get the lad transferred to this member's care. **Frome** Branch are looking forward to a large gathering at their Lamp bestowal. The work of this new Branch has already made an impression on the local community. **Tetbury** Branch rooms will be used by the Toc H Gloucestershire Padres' Conference whose members will have the opportunity of hearing the Rev. John Ragg, Industrial Chaplain to the Bishop of Bristol. The Lunch Club recently formed in **Swindon** is now so popular that members are meeting weekly. **Wootton Bassett** Branch held their eleventh annual Sixty-five-plus Party when they entertained 170 old folks. **West Mendip** Chairmen and Secretaries gathering proved to be a very lively meeting due in no small measure to the youthful Chairman of one of the Branches. **Weston-super-Mare** Branch is giving their annual party to mentally-retarded children. Fred Brooker, formerly Western Area Secretary, was recently 'at home' in the Area Centre to some of his many friends in and around Bristol.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

MARCHES.—Most Branches have been kept very busy up to the end of January with parties for the Old Folks and the distribution of gifts. **Chirk** with the help of four scouts distributed 108 bags of firewood. **Oswestry** Branch now organise a regular hospital request programme, broadcasting records with messages from home. **Shrewsbury** Branch have opened an appeal in the town to raise funds for the annual seaside outing for fatherless children. **Wellington** Branch held their Annual Party and the Chairman of Wellington Urban District Council took an active part in the activities. Some of our Branches have given valuable assistance in their localities to the work organised in connection with the World Refugee Year appeal.

T. ROMANIS.

SOUTH WESTERN.—Throughout the Area, Branches are extending themselves to the limit in aid of World Refugee Year. One outstanding effort was made by the small Branch at **Martock,** who in a week organised a sale realising £87. Other Branches such as **Milborne Port,** in addition to backing local efforts with practical help, are endeavouring to educate public opinion to the needs of refugees. **Bodmin** Branch have discovered that the box placed on Mount Folly in the town centre is not only supplying them with magazines and books for distribution to the sick and aged but is also bringing them in contact with opportunities for other forms of service of widely varying kinds.

GILBERT FRANCIS.

Clifford R. Clemens, Bodmin

WEST MIDLANDS.—We are pleased to welcome into the West Midlands Area, two Branches, **Builth Wells** and **Llandrindod Wells.** They become part of the Marches District. The **South Warwickshire** District Team is hoping to make a move shortly towards a group being formed in **Warwick.** Names and addresses of likely contacts will be welcomed by the District Secretary, Fred Taylor, 63a Evesham Road, Stratford-on-Avon. **Stratford-on-Avon** Branch held a Sale of Work for their Old People's Handicrafts Club and raised £90, plus a further £15 for goods remaining unsold. It is hoped shortly to form a group at Stourport-on-Severn. **Stourbridge** Branch has transformed its new headquarters (New Street Chambers, 2nd floor.) and all meetings are now held there. A date for your diary: The Area Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1, at Darlington Street Methodist Church and the Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton.

BOB PURDY.

NOTTS. AND DERBY.—Following its policy of entertaining prominent local figures, **Mark XXI**, Derby, and Marksmen were hosts to the new Bishop of Derby in January. After the evening meal, the Bishop spoke on 'The World in the Melting Pot' to a packed and appreciative gathering in the lounge. The Mark has also thrown out a football challenge to **Mark XI**, Leicester. Bert Juniper is not only a good worker for **Derby** Branch but is also just a good worker. For the tenth year running he has been awarded the S.D.M.A. award by his employers Kleen-Eze Brush Co. Congratulations, Bert, on your 'Oscar'. A packed gathering helped to launch **Radcliffe-on-Trent** as a Branch when it received its Lamp on January 25. A heart-warming sing-song preceded a simple bestowal ceremony after which Arthur Frymann, a member of the Area Guard, spoke on the responsibilities and opportunities of Branch status. **Arnold & Woodthorpe** recently entertained some students at an International Night. There will be another gathering with Overseas students arranged in conjunction with Scouts and Rovers on March 1, by the **Nottingham City** group when it is hoped to celebrate Pancake Day in traditional style. **Riddings** Branch small in numbers but big in heart gave valuable help at a large Cub Moot. **Matlock** took the first steps towards organising a local World Refugee Week. Boys from the affiliated Hallcroft School, **Ilkeston** were active at Christmas decorating the local hospital at which Toc H had a hand in setting up a League of Friends. **Kirkby-in-Ashfield** joined with other organisations in running a market in aid of World Refugees.

LES WHEATLEY.

SOUTHERN.—Congratulations from all members of the Area go to John Goss, our Area Chairman, on the award of the O.B.E. in New Year's Honours. At Christmas time Inky Bean broadcast a message to all seafaring boys and especially to those who use **Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Hostel**, Southampton. Boys now returning to the Club say that the message was clearly received in the Azores, the Straits of Medina and other distant parts. **Swanage** Branch have reported a record number of 140 old people having attended their Christmas Party. In spite of the proposed development of part of the land at **Mark V** the link with the Mark and Scouting will be maintained as a new Scout Hut is being erected there. Preliminary work towards the starting of new groups is being done at **Hythe**, near Southampton and at **Alton**. The names of any contacts will be gratefully received by the Area Secretary. A Toc H Lunch Club has been started in **Bournemouth** to provide General Members and men from local Branches with an opportunity of meeting together. It is proposed to hold two Traction Engine Rallies in the Area this year. On Saturday, May 21, on a site near Winchester, and on Saturday, June 25, at Maiden Castle, Dorchester. As an alternative to their annual Old Folks Party, members of **St. Peter Port** Branch, Guernsey, with the backing of members of **Guernsey North** Branch, the W.A. Branch and the general public, decided to present a portable T.V. set to the King Edward Sanatorium, where it is now in use in the smaller wards. They managed to do this in time for Christmas and on the evening of December 23, members met in one of the wards where their Chairman, Peter Lihou, handed over the gift to Matron. The set is now in active use in the smaller wards

FRED BROOKER.

NORTH WALES.—The Keynote Conference arranged for Plas-y-coed, **Colwyn Bay** on April 2—3, has due to demands from within the Division and the desire for an optimum number, been extended to allcomers and its theme widened to "Service" generally. The local arrangements are in the hands of Padre John Jones who is venturing forth from the heights of Trofarth to the lowland of Colwyn in the cause. The main conference starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and terminates after Tea on Sunday (inclusive charge 27s. 6d.) and support from other parts will be warmly welcomed. **Denbigh** being the centre for a large Mental Hospital, the local Branch have now embarked on a rehabilitation job, in conjunction with the authorities, which provides service to suitable patients. It is hoped that developments may lead to contacts with other Branches when the patients return to their homes. GWILYM A. EDWARDS.

Loughton and Chigwell Express and Independent

Sir Frank Foster hands over a green silk belt to Mr. J. W. Faulkner, on behalf of Loughton Branch

EASTERN LONDON.—A civic Carol Service held at **Southend** was relayed by the Toc H Broadcasting Service to the local Hospitals. The **South East Essex** District annual Fayre raised £220—slightly more than last year. At this event the police gave a demonstration of judo when, among other items, women were shown how to rid themselves of unwanted attentions from the opposite sex; using a policeman as a guinea pig three women volunteers succeeded in sending the unfortunate man flying through the air half a dozen times. **Loughton** Branch arranged a gathering of local folk in the Council Chamber in order to pay a surprise tribute to the Clerk of the Council who has spent many years defending the Metropolitan Green Belt in West Essex against encroachment; they presented him with—a green belt. JIM GREEN.

Sunderland Echo

Some of the 100 needy children entertained at a party given by Sunderland Branch

EAST YORKSHIRE.—John Maddock was guest of honour at the Annual Party held by **Tadcaster** Branch. The Branch also provided man-power to saw logs and distribute them to fifty old people. **York** Branch have a Film Unit and have already produced two films on Toc H subjects entitled 'Any Task for Others' and 'Let Your Light So Shine'. The Appeal for World Refugees, launched by **Bridlington** Branch, has brought in approximately £400. **Goole, Pollington,** and **Selby** group members attended a Dinner and Party organised by Goole Women's Association Branch. This promises to become an annual event. The **Malton and Norton** group have done good work in visits to the Castle Howard Approved School—arranging for speakers and participating in games with the boys. **South Milford** are aiming at Extension and hope to get a Branch started in **Sherburn-in-Elmet.** Any known contacts? A town's meeting to discuss the formation of a Community Association was convened by **Goole** Branch when Keyman Hugh Meiningen presided. The Branch's jobmaster has been elected chairman of the town's committee formed to organise a house-to-house collection for World Refugee Year. At a social evening in West Hull, **Cottingham** Branch retained the 'Hull District Toc H Challenge Cup' by emerging as victors in a series of darts, dominoes and card games. **Cawood** Branch have assisted Cawood Youth Club in running a dance. Plans are being made for the 1960 Yorkshire Toc H Conference in Bridlington in September. Bookings can be made with George Gosling, at 68 New Burlington Road, Bridlington. **West Hull** Branch have recently redecorated a cripple's home for her, and a similar job has been carried out by **Cottingham** Branch. **Central Hull** Branch have helped with a house-to-house collection for the World Refugee Fund.

BILL HARDY.

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